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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY

Coal—H. Holbrook.  
Dissolution of Copartnership.

## The British Columbian.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1893.

## MINERALOGICAL LEGISLATION.

Probably few subjects of Legislation possess greater interest at the present moment than that of regulating the development of the mineral wealth of British Columbia. Singularly enough there are few subjects upon which our Government has shown less disposition to espouse liberal views, and enact liberal laws. Nor is the Government of British Columbia singular in this respect. Canada, with all her progressiveness and political freedom, has had to struggle against the same unaccountable, shall we say, mania on the part of the Government. During the first Session of the Ontario Parliament, Attorney-General Richards got a bill passed which was but a slight improvement upon the existing condition of mineral working regulations in this Colony. Popular sentiment—the never-failing antidote to bad legislation under a liberal constitution—set in so strongly against the bill that the Attorney-General has met Parliament at the opening of its second Session with a new, and much more liberal and sensible measure. Yet even this new bill is, in many of its features, illiberal and far behind the times. Our own Attorney-General is incubating in the same direction. What he will bring forth remains to be seen. The subject has been tolerably well ventilated in a variety of ways, and the Government cannot plead ignorance either as to the deep and widespread dissatisfaction felt on account of the present position of the mineral interests of the Colony, or the general desire for the enactment of a thoroughly liberal measure, sweeping out of the way all those petty restrictions which are so vexatious to those they most directly concern. We venture to indulge the belief that there is an honest desire on the part of the Government to meet the popular wish, in as far, at least, as may appear to be compatible with the responsibility of the Executive as the custodian of the mineral wealth of the country. There is one phase of this very important subject to which we will take the liberty of directing the attention of those upon whom devolves the responsibility of preparing the bill. The present position of the Colony would appear to be this: Enough is already known to justify the belief that British Columbia abounds in rich and extensive silver and copper veins and almost inexhaustible beds of superior coal. Several of these, of sufficient *ascertained* richness to justify the employment of adequate working capital, have been discovered and more or less prospected. That capital is not in the Colony, and the only obstacle in the way of obtaining it from abroad appears to be the absence of any fixity of tenure by which this class of property may be held, and the presence of many vicious restrictions and conditions, imposed by the Government leases. Two objects should be distinctly kept in view by the framers of the bill—Hold out the greatest possible inducement to persons to seek out mineral lodes; and enable companies to hold by a tenure, and under conditions which will offer the most ample security and encouragement to capitalists

residing at a distance. In the present stage of the mineral development of this Colony, little danger need be apprehended of opening too wide the door for utilizing our silver and copper veins, as well as for working our coal-beds. Development and capital are inseparable, and we can hope for neither under illiberal and restrictive legislation. Capital is at once particularly desirable and particularly sensitive. There is no reason why we should not have abundance of it to develop the immense mineral wealth with which this Colony is known to abound. It depends upon the Government, whether we shall have it or not.

## ANOTHER COLONY IN DEEP WATER.

This said that "misery likes company." Let British Columbians extract what comfort they may from the condition of affairs in Natal, as described in the following extracts which we have been permitted to make from a letter received by last mail—

Pieter Maritzburg, Natal, Oct. 5, 1892.

"I am here quite on spec, but shall leave again in a few days, as the state of the colony is something horrible. It is governed and mismanaged in every way—not a penny to bless themselves with. Works of every sort stopped; plans for a railway knocked on the head; and all through a duffing Governor and an imbecile Executive. To make things worse, we got a tremendous flood a month ago—121 inches of rain in 60 hours—which has carried off several wooden bridges and a splendid iron one as well. No money is obtainable for their renewal and everything is going on in the same way as before they were constructed."

The whole colony will soon be bankrupt, unless they kick out the present Governor and his satellites, and get an energetic, pushing man, that knows how to manage in a state like this.

This place as a whole would be very pleasant for living in, being as healthy as British Columbia, only, of course, a great deal warmer. Almost everything will grow here; in addition to most English crops, we have oranges, lemons, tea, cotton, coffee, arrowroot, sugar, bananas, pine apples—in fact, everything tropical, as well as plenty of snakes, lions, tigers, &c., &c. The colony is as splendid a one as any person could wish to see, but come to grief through over-speculation and gross mismanagement."

I am sorry to say that I consider the bad state of this colony is, in a great measure, the consequence of the great religious differences. The whole place is cut up into Colensoites and Anti-Colensoites; Wesleyans, Scotch Congregationalists, &c., all of whom, especially the first two, not content with showing their animosity in Church and the newspapers, bring it into private and business life, and will not trust this man because he is a Colensoite, nor the other because he is an Anti-Colensoite. The influence of all these differences, although little thought of in England, and other parts of the world, has turned Natal upside down; and Natalians have the idea that all the world is watching them. Poor deluded mortals! They have only themselves to thank for the collapse of the place.

Fernelius calls disease an affection of the body, contrary to nature: a perturbation of its habit: a derangement of its course. What disease is, sometimes eludes human intelligence, but some diseases are known—their origin, action and even their antidotes. Whoever has discovered an actual remedy for *pue* disease, has done something for his race. Doct. Ayer has done more, for his medicines afford us the means to control and cure several dangerous disorders. We rarely speak on medical subjects, preferring to leave them to physicians, who understand them better. But such effects as are seen in our midst on affections of the lungs by Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, on scrofulous complaints by his Sarsaparilla, and on the several complaints that they cure by Ayer's Pills, should not be ignored.—Keokuk, (Iowa) Journal.

## New Advertisements.

## COAL!

A FRESH ARRIVAL BY THE  
"FLY,"  
FROM  
NANAIMO,  
IN ANY QUANTITY TO SUIT CONSUMERS.

Apply at the store of  
H. HOLBROOK,  
Columbia Street.  
Jan 16

## Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the firm name of Higgins & Long, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The publication of the Daily and Weekly British Columbian, and the prosecution of a General Printing Business, will be continued by the Senior Partner of the late firm, who will receive all monies due and discharge all outstanding liabilities.

DAVID W. HIGGINS.  
THOS. H. LONG.

Victoria, V. C., Jan. 9th, 1893. Jan 15 1m

## NOTICE.

EDWARD STAMP has this day retired from the management of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Paper, Lumber and Saw Mill Co., (Limited). Capt. James A. McLean will take the management of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Paper, Lumber and Saw Mill Co., (Limited). Capt. James A. McLean will take the management of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Paper, Lumber and Saw Mill Co., (Limited).

EDWARD STAMP,  
J. C. NICHOLSON,  
Victoria, B. C., 2nd January, 1893. Jan 1m

## GOOD NEWS

TO THE INHABITANTS OF  
New Westminster,  
Burrard Inlet  
and the  
LOWER FRASER.

## JOHN A. WEBSTER

DESIRE to inform the Inhabitants of the New Westminster District that he has commenced business in the Store formerly occupied by him, opposite the Colonial Hotel, and has just opened a fine assortment of

Dry Goods, Groceries,  
Clothing, Feed,  
Boots & Shoes, Crockery,  
Hats, Caps, &c., Hardware.

The above Goods have been carefully selected for this market, and will be sold at the LOWEST POSSIBLE Prices. Jan 16

## PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY.

## DAVID WITHROW

BEGS to announce to the public that he has opened a PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY, where

## LIKENESSES,

## AND.....

## Scenic Pictures

can be had, in Any Style, and with all the Latest Improvements of the Art.

## FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS.

## DAVID WITHROW

CONTINUES to carry on the Furniture and Upholstering business in all its branches. On hand a good assortment of DOORS, WINDOW-SASH, and WINDOW-GLASS, of all sizes, WALL PAPER, PICTURES, CHINESE FANCY-WORK, WILLOW-WARE, &c. Columbia St., New Westminster. November 20th, 1892. 1c

## New Advertisements.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN. IMPORTER OF, AND DEALER IN, EVERYTHING WANTED IN A NEW COLONY MAY BE FOUND AT JAMES CUMMINGS & CO., 116 MONTGOMERY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots & Shoes, Hardware, Stores, Thrift, Stationery, Crockery, Glassware, Groceries & Provisions, Oils, Lamp Stock, &c., &c.

## New Advertisements.

1868.  
CLOTHING EMPORIUM.  
CLUTE & CLARKSON,  
IMPORTERS & GENERAL DEALERS,  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

THEIR STOCK OF

## FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS

HAVE ARRIVED  
and consist in part of

Gala Plaids, Union Plaids, Plain and Fancy Lustres, Russell Cords, Repps, Grassettes, Merinos, Alpaccas, Coburgs, Vetternos, Thibets, Delaines, Taffetas, Cachmeres, &c., &c.

100 Pieces of Linseys or Winceys just to suit this market, from 2 bits to \$1 a yard.

Trimmings of every Hue and Description, Buttons in endless variety, Gloves and Hosiery by the gross, Hats, Feathers, Ribbons and Elowers, a wholesale Stock, Ladies' Underclothing of every description, Prints, Grey Cottons, Drillings, Sheetings, Shirtings, Towellings, Skirtings, Linings, Tickings, &c.

In fact everything in the Staple and Fancy Goods Line, and at such low prices—to examine is to buy.

Men's Clothing of every description, Boys' Hats, Caps, Collars, Ties, &c., &c. 34 Dozen Baltic Shirts bought for less than "English Cost," and will be sold proportionately cheap.

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Best Brands of Flour, U. S. Corn Meal, Hyson, Japan, and L. S. TEA, Best Brands of Tobacco, Sugar of all kinds, very low, Carolina Rice, Golden Syrup, Raisins, Figs, Currants, Spices, &c., &c. OREGON LAND, Fresh Butter from "CHADREYS," Sun-mass, constantly on hand.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

An endless variety of Men's Women's, Children's, Boys' and Misses', constantly on hand.

21, 3, 31, and 4 point BLANKETS, in White, Blue, Grey, Green and Scarlet.

## BOOKS, STATIONERY, NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS.

&c., &c., &c.

## TOYS AND FANCY GOODS.

BLANK BOOKS, &c., &c.

A large Stock of English and American

## Hardware.

TINWARE of every description manufactured on the premises, by a first class workman. All work guaranteed.

Just received a superior lot of Parlor, Box and Cooking Stoves of all sizes and kinds.

Stove Pipe made and sold at 50 cents per length of 2 feet (of the best sheet iron.) GRINDSTONES 5cts.

All Goods marked in plain figures, and no deviation from the price marked will be made; consequently we hope to avoid accidents.  
J. C. CLUTE.  
G. C. CLARKSON.

## New Advertisements.

## SCOTCH HOUSE, VICTORIA.

## A. McLEAN &amp; Co.,

ARE just opening a very choice assortment of Winter Clothing, received by last Express, direct from England, consisting of—

Beaver Suits, TWEED SUITS, Hosiery, UNDER CLOTHING, Hats, Caps, BALTIC & WHITE SHIRTS, Water-proof coats, BOOTS, SHOES, &c.,

A Splendid Stock of

## WINTER GLOVES,

Men's Suits, \$10 to 30.

BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.

We receive additions to our Stock by every Steamer, and the above will be sold cheap for cash, to make room for other shipments on the way. ad 1c

## DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of JAMES CUMMINGS & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

WITNESSES: W. H. WARD, J. A. McLEAY, J. C. NICHOLSON, B. BAILEY.  
Jan. 10th, 1893. ad 1m

## EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE, PARIS, 1889.

THE VERY HIGHEST PRIZE  
THE IMPERIAL CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOR



## GROVER &amp; BAKER

SEWING MACHINE, Being the Highest Award made to any Sewing Machine Exhibitor.

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SHUTTLE STITCH MANUFACTURING MACHINE, MANUFACTURED BY GROVER & BAKER, Are rapidly superseding all others.

## THE ELASTIC STITCH

FAMILY MACHINES, MANUFACTURED BY GROVER & BAKER, Are acknowledged to be the BEST IN USE.

Sent for a Circular, R. G. BROWN, Agent, 116 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal. ad 1c

## The British

SATURDAY.

## LEGISLATION.

The Legislature sat again on Friday without much interest to the Scotchman—muckle o' THURSDAY!

The opening of the hon. Dr. Helm of Privilege, in reported to have Chief Justice of the (Dr. H.) had J. C. Nicholson having been reported that the petition ed as foul a stand put on paper again (H.) asked for the Committee of in proceeding was, of by the House ped.

The second Bill was moved in General. A long in the course of which things were Member is reported opposing the proposition to the settlers of side what "shut fence" for their eld-hoppers knotters? In its p ing last Session New Westminster came from the which it was referred reading: Now, all the advantage entage, it is likely fate. The debate till Monday.

The hon. Attorney the second reading Bank Bill. After was read a second to be committed to

The hon. Dr. H. House into Committee upon his Constitution very interesting of the course of which Curran, King, & L principles of the re Crease and Trate endment, and the adjourned till Monday.

## FRIDAY'S

The hon. Mr. second reading of An amendment was a long debate the a Select Committee The hon. Dr. H. relating to the Cr nance was laid over The hon. Mr. whether it was the erment to introd form system of E the hon. Attorney The hon. Dr. J. as to what steps w the detection of the recent Salt Sp The reply was tha mation might tend of justice.

## EDITORIAL CO

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New Westminster reputation, but, fre and hear, she may Victoria. As you correspondent left der delightful suns buds and blown neither the one n The wind blows co constant rattle of and depending sig falling, and if one the liquid appear the ill-kept streets ing for many weeks

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